

REMARKS

By the present amendment, claims 3-4 and 6-7 have been canceled.

Claims 8-9 are pending in the present application. Independent claim 8, and claim 9 dependent thereon, are directed to a method for removing a transforming growth factor- $\beta$  from a body fluid.

In the Office Action, it is indicated that claims 8-9 are allowed.

The claims have now been amended to cancel all claims except claims 8-9. Accordingly, it is submitted that the application is in allowable condition and a notice to that effect is earnestly requested.

In the event there is, in the Examiner's opinion, any outstanding issue and such issue may be resolved by means of a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of the response period. Please charge the fee for such extension and any other fees which may be required to our Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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